K OFFICE NITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEN In re Patent Application of Atty Dkt. 2752-56 C# DEC 2 3 2002 uGroup Art Unit: 1648 MAERTENS et al. Examiner: Li Serial No. 09/973,025 DEC 3 0 2002 Date: December 23, 2002 October 10, 2001 Filed: TECH CENTER 1600/2900 PURIFIED HEPATITIS C VIRUS ENVELOPE PROTEINS FOR DIAGNOSTIC AND Title: THERAPEUTIC USE **Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, DC 20231 Sir: RESPONSE This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon. □ Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached. Fees are attached as calculated below: minus highest number Total effective claims after amendment \$ 18.00 0.00 (at least 20) = 0 previously paid for 20 minus highest number Independent claims after amendment 0.00 \$ 84.00 previously paid for 3 (at least 3) =If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$280.00 (ignore improper) 0.00 Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this \$ 110.00 paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$400.00/2 months; \$920.00/3 months) 0.00 \$ Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$ 110.00 0.00 First/second submission after Final Rejection pursuant to 37 CFR 1.129(a) (\$740.00) Please enter the previously unentered . filed Submission attached Subtotal \$ 110.00 0.00 -\$ If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract Applicant claims "small entity" status. Statement filed herewith \$ 0.00 Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee (\$180.00) \$ 0.00 Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00) 0.00 Other: TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED \$ 110.00 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached. 1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C. By Atty: B. J. Sadoff, Reg. No. 36,663 Arlington, Virginia 22201-4714 Telephone: (703) 816-4000 Facsimile: (703) 816-4100

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